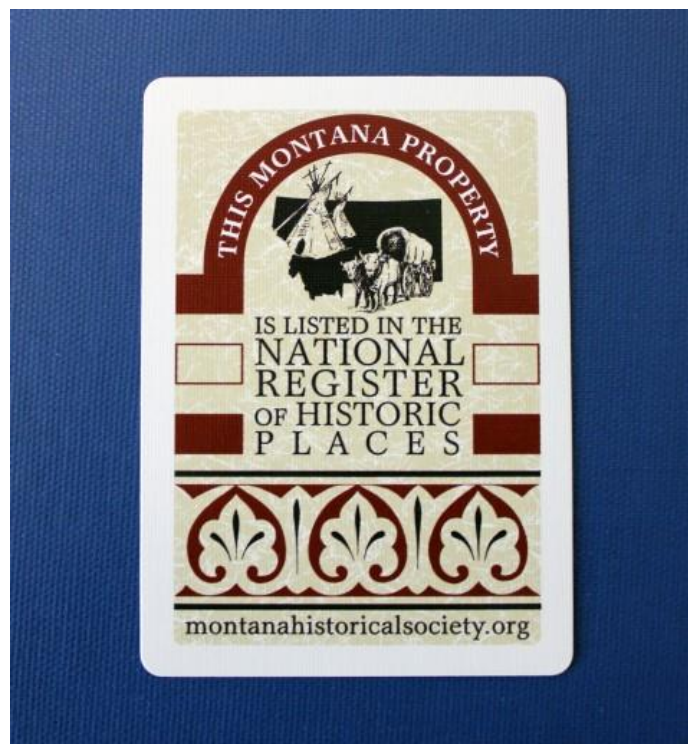


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Image of the back of a *Montana in the National Register* playing card, created in recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

Steve Bullock  
GOVERNOR



Mike Cooney  
LT. GOVERNOR

July 26, 2016

Dear Montana Historical Society, Montana Preservationists, and all Montana Citizens:

I am pleased to recognize 2016 as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the federal government created an enduring partnership with state and local governments, and later sovereign tribal nations, to identify and maintain our historic places—safeguarding them from unnecessary harm. Through State Historic Preservation Office programs important national initiatives like the National Register of Historic Places, the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit, and the Certified Local Government community preservation program are administered at the state level for the benefit of all Montanans.

I firmly believe that the preservation of our historic places, sites, and landscapes makes sense—culturally, educationally, and economically. The past fifty years have consistently demonstrated the value and importance of historic preservation in Montana, and the next fifty years hold the promise of even greater stewardship of our Montana heritage for future generations of Montanans to enjoy.

As Governor of Montana, I am honored to support the National Historic Preservation Act and would like to thank the Montana Historical Society for their continued efforts recognizing and preserving Montana's significant historic, archaeological and traditional cultural places. Here's to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Historic Preservation Act and beyond.

Sincerely,

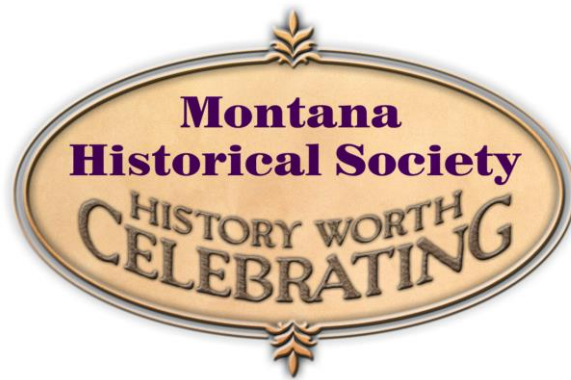
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor

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**PRESERVING MONTANA:  
The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2013-2017  
Goals and Objectives  
(for All Montanans)**

**GOAL I. EDUCATE: BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.**

*Objectives:*

1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: online guidance; information about local ordinances; information about fund-raising; update to Consulting with Montana SHPO; dissemination to areas of rapid development*

2. Instill awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII properties, including Modernist; landscapes; travelling exhibits; public fairs and workshops; state and local agency stewardship; Montana lawmakers*

3. More fully incorporate the University system in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana; create University student internship opportunities; become resource for University historic preservation and history classes/seminars; campus building heritage awareness*

4. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, pre-contact and traditional cultural properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: website platform and content upgrades; social media outlets; walking tour apps; National Register property map applications; K-12 lesson plan development; owner awareness*

**GOAL II. CELEBRATE: PROMOTE PRESERVATION WITH RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.**

*Objectives:*

1. Use multi-media (e.g., television, print, internet) to convey historic preservation successes and opportunities.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target general public; PSA development; expand regular press releases for local preservation stories and National Register listings; radio programming*

2. Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: support and expand existing award ceremonies; re-invigorate local awards; establish prizes; nominate Montana for national awards*

3. Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: property type and historical context publications; Main Street publication series; National Register sign program promotion; highway signage; heritage tourism materials; History Conference workshop; Montana Preservation Road Show; increase preservation poster visibility in public spaces*

### **GOAL III. LOCATE: IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.**

#### *Objectives:*

1. Survey or support the systematic survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII architecture, including Modernist; state-owned heritage properties (SB3 2011); tribal cultural properties; properties associated with under-served/under-represented populations; prioritize un-inventoried communities; develop people-friendly state inventory form*

2. Encourage a landscape approach, where appropriate, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: pilot landscape study area; complete Tongue River Multiple Property Document; Northern Cheyenne geographical study; landscape identification workshop; rural agricultural landscapes*

3. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: State Antiquities database digitization; public access to non-sensitive documents; tribal data-sharing agreements; historic districts individual property listings*

### **GOAL IV. EVALUATE: ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA'S HERITAGE PLACES WORTHY OF PRESERVATION.**

#### *Objectives:*

1. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's precontact, historic and traditional cultural sites.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Multiple Property Document historical context development; property contexts for historic irrigation, railroads, and rock cairns*

2. Develop meaningful registration criteria or procedures for evaluating common or complex property types.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: National Register Multiple Property Document (MPD) registration criteria development; identify and share best practices and new approaches; post-WWII housing; women's history MPD*

3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: prioritized list of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places; step-by-step guidance for do-it-yourselfers; 2013-2014 women's history; 2014 Montana territorial sesquicentennial*

### **GOAL V. ADVOCATE: SEEK SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND PROTECTION.**

#### *Objectives:*

1. Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana-specific economic benefits of historic preservation study; preservation case study digest; clearinghouse for success stories*

2. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: create preservation speakers' bureau (volunteer/expense reimbursement); local preservation assistance and training*

3. Implement existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: increase state agency awareness of State Antiquities Act and stewardship responsibilities; find and assist legislative sponsorship for expanding state rehabilitation tax credit; facilitate adaptive re-use of public buildings*

4. Seek and obtain additional financial resources to supplement funding for historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: lobby for increased state budget support of preservation; brick-and-mortar grant program; enhance grant-writing skills; support and promote Montana History Foundation Preserve Montana Fund campaign; identify cost-share opportunities*

## **GOAL VI. COLLABORATE: WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.**

### *Objectives:*

1. Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public and private preservation stakeholders.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: identify and recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal, and federal level*

2. Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: participate in Montana History Conference; support biennial Montana Preservation Road Show; collaborate with local institutions*

3. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana Main Street – Certified Local Government interface; Montana Site Stewardship program; SHPO-federal agencies programmatic agreements; Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone project*

4. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers summit; establish tribal consultation protocols*

## **GOAL VII. INTEGRATE: INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE PROPERTIES.**

### *Objectives:*

1. Integrate historic preservation in public planning and policy-making at all levels.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: meet with city-county planning departments; increase visibility and standing for local historic preservation commissions; ensure state legislature awareness; state agency compliance; incorporate consideration of impacts to historic properties into disaster planning*

2. Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.



*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Citizens Guide to Section 106 outreach; non-profit and citizen public meeting advocacy; editorials; acknowledge proactive public agency stewardship*

3. Connect with interest groups that engage heritage properties from other perspectives (e.g., realtors, developers, outfitters/guides, trade groups, recreationalists, other).

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target realtor and insurance agent awareness and training regarding local ordinances and what it means to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; information booths at interest group meetings*

4. Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: addressing myth and reality in the National Register of Historic Places, preservation law, and the cost of historic rehabilitation vs. replacement*



*Mann Gulch, photo courtesy of Arian Randall, USFS*

### Three FY2016 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Highlights

Throughout FY2016, Montana SHPO celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) by shedding light on its important role in establishing the programs and policies for the preservation of significant historic places at the national, state and local level. Three FY2016 Montana SHPO highlights relating to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NHPA follow.

From the beginning, Montana SHPO wanted to create something both fun and educational in FY2016 for “P50” and did so in the form of the *Montana in the National Register* playing cards. These decks of real playing cards, created by SHPO and featuring a National Register listed property from each of Montana’s 56 counties were distributed free at preservation venues and events and on request throughout the year. Over two thousand decks were given away. Accompanied by the 2016 Montana Historic Preservation poster, *Playing for Keeps*, and a special website (<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCardS>) with information about the cards and a story-map about the featured historic places, the *Montana in the National Register* playing cards have been a popular and meaningful success, with counties expressing both surprise and pride in their National Register listings.

Montana SHPO also signed on early in FY2016 as co-sponsor and support for production of a 10-minute video about the contribution of the National Historic Preservation Act, and specifically Section 106, in preserving and better understanding Montana archaeology. The 2016 *Making Archaeology Public Project* (MAPP), the brainchild of several national archaeological organizations (SAA, SHA, ROPA, ACRA), challenged each state to illustrate in video format how compliance with Section 106 of NHPA has resulted in important information about the past through archaeology that would otherwise have never been known or worse, lost to development. Montana posted the sixth (and arguably the best) video nationally: <http://preservation50.org/mapp/>

Our third major NHPA anniversary initiative in FY2016 was to create a web presence for the above and other projects and activities to make them known and accessible: <https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/P50>. Our Montana P50 website provides links to the national anniversary website, the NR playing cards, MAPP, news and events, and historical information about Montana SHPO – all products of the National Historic Preservation Act and its anniversary. A special message to all Montanans from Governor Steve Bullock is also included, in which he affirms his support for historic preservation:

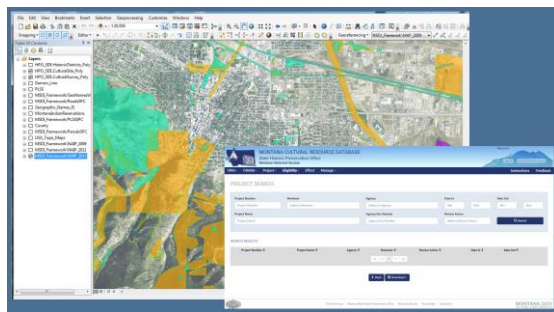
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## ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM FY2016

***. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant, sub-grant and contract management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.2, V.4, VI.1)***

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in the ongoing budgeting and expenditure of the FY2016 annual Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) federal grant allocation to Montana SHPO totaling \$785,524 (same as FY2014 and 2015).
- ✓ Documented the required 40% non-federal match (\$523,683) to the FY2016 HPF grant. The majority of Montana's state match derives from the allowable activities of local preservation offices in the form of over-match to the 10% required HPF pass-through to Certified Local Government communities. Additional eligible state match derives from state bed-tax support of the Montana National Register interpretive sign program, private grants, program revenue (fees), and some state general funding through the Montana Historical Society budget.
- ✓ Allocated and managed \$37,000 of new Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperative agreement grant support in FY2016 for our continuing BLM-SHPO cultural resource data-sharing partnership (CRDP), including a 2015-2016 state antiquities database upgrade project. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.3}



- ✓ Oversaw the \$125K budget and activities for the ongoing upgrade of the Montana state antiquities database under agreement with the State Information Technology Services Division of the Montana Department of

Administration, involving multiple funding sources including HPF, BLM, grant, and revenue funds. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective III.3} (see more below, Survey and Inventory)

- ✓ Administered and reported upon special preservation project and grant funding obtained for the *Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places* project (FY2015-2016 National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grant: \$27,788), the *Statewide Recording of Montana's Historic Railroad System* project (2015-2016 Tides Foundation/Mica Group: \$10,000), and the *Access to Antiquity: Making Montana's State Antiquity Database More Effective and Accessible* project: new, 2016-2017 Tides Foundation/Mica Group: \$40,000). {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective V.4} (see more below, Survey and Inventory)

- ✓ Distributed \$80,000 in FY2016 HPF through annual sub-grants to Montana's 16 Certified Local Governments (CLGs), exceeding the 10% required HPF pass-through of \$78,552. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.3}
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, or archaeology. SHPO staff (10FTE) as of the end of FY2016 (September 30, 2016) are:
  - Mark Baumler, Program Manager/State Historic Preservation Officer (Ph.D. Anthropology/Archaeology)
  - Jennie (Peterson) Coen, Administrative Assistant
  - Brad Hansen, Grants Contracts Coordinator (M.S. Environmental History)
  - John Boughton, National Register Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
  - Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist/Deputy SHPO (M.S. Historic Preservation)
  - Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. History)
  - Jessica Bush, Review & Compliance Officer/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
  - Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO (Ph.D. Anthropology)
  - Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager (M.A. Physical Anthropology)
  - Michelle Phair, Cultural Records Assistant (B.A. Anthropology)
- ✓ Recognition of Montana state employee service longevity: Kate Hampton (5 years – second time) and Damon Murdo (15 years).
- ✓ Hired Brad Hansen as our new Grants Contracts Coordinator beginning in January 2016. Brad brings history and archives as well as administrative and fiscal management skills to the position, having received his M.S. in Environmental History from Utah State University, Logan, in 2013.



- ✓ Hired Michelle Phair (B.A. Anthropology, Fort Lewis College, 2014) to start in July 2016 as the new Cultural Records Assistant, replacing Steffany Meredyk, who left SHPO at the end of Spring to do GIS work in Bozeman for Gallatin County. Michelle holds Certificates in both Cultural Resource Management and in Geographic Information Systems from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

- ✓ Awarded the Montana Historical Society August and Mary Sobotka Education Trust Fund 2016 student summer internship to Diana Nettleton, University of Montana, Missoula. Diana, who holds a B.A. in Anthropology and is completing a second B.A. in History, worked over the summer on the SHPO *Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places* project. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective I.3}
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops, trainings, webinars and other forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities: {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective V.2}
  - Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail Advisory Council meetings: Sandpoint (ID), October 13-16, 2015 and Port Townsend, WA, May 2-6, 2016 (Pete Brown, as the Governor-appointed representative for the State of Montana)
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) webinar: *Anticipatory demolition in Section 106 undertakings*, October 27, 2015 (Jessica Bush, Pete Brown, Damon Murdo)
  - 2015 National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) PastForward conference, Washington, D.C., November 3-6, 2015. Including CLG Coordinators meeting and NPS grant management training (Kate Hampton, Lisa Pocha)
  - Society of American Archaeology (SAA) Knowledge Series webinar: *Aerial documentation techniques in archaeology*, November 4, 2015 (Jessica Bush, Damon Murdo)
  - Native American Cultural Awareness training for State Employees, Montana Department of Corrections (sponsor), Helena, November 18, 2015 (Jessica Bush, Pete Brown, Stan Wilmoth)
  - National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO) webinar: *Demonstration of an electronic survey data collector application for tablets*, December 9, 2015 (Damon Murdo, Steffany Meredyk)
  - National Park Service (NPS) webinar: *End-of-Year HPF reporting training for SHPO Grants Managers*, December 10, 2015 (Mark Baumler, Kate Hampton)
  - NPS cultural landscape report workshop, Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Landmark, Deer Lodge, February 3, 2016 (Pete Brown, Jessica Bush)
  - National Park Service (NPS) webinar: *HPF Grant Application Training for SHPO Grants Managers*, February 11, 2016 (Mark Baumler, Brad Hansen)
  - Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting, Great Falls, April 15-17, 2016 (Mark Baumler, Jessica Bush, John Boughton, Jennie Coen, Brad Hansen, Steffany Meredyk, Damon Murdo)
  - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation webinar: *Section 106 creative mitigation*, April 27, 2016 (Jessica Bush)





- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) webinar: *Compliance for cell towers and other new wireless communication systems*, May 2-3, 2016 (Jessica Bush)
- 2016 Montana Preservation Road Show, Red Lodge, June 1-4, 2016: (Mark Baumler, Kate Hampton, John Boughton, Jessica Bush, Brad Hansen)
- National Park Service State Tax Credit reviewer biennial training, Washington, D.C., July 11-15, 2016 (Pete Brown)
- Montana History Conference, Hamilton, September 22-24, 2016 (Jessica Bush, Kate Hampton, Brad Hansen)



- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to closely monitor State Historic Preservation Office budget and expenditures.
- ✓ Met or exceeded Montana Legislature and Governor's Office state agency program performance measures established for state FY2016.

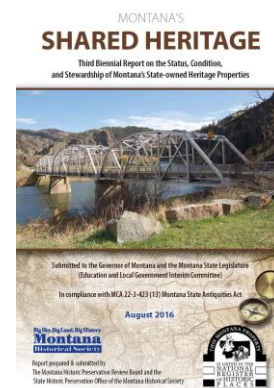


*Square Butte, photo courtesy of Tim Urbaniak, Billings*

## PLANNING PROGRAM FY2016

***. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including preparation of the state historic preservation plan; participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3, VII.1)***

- ✓ Promoted awareness and use of the revised 2013-2017 state preservation plan (*Preserving Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2017*) in public and professional forums, to local preservation programs, and in preservation education and outreach materials. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective V.2}
- ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FY2016 SHPO activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the 2013-2017 state plan (see above, 2013-2017 Plan Goals and Objectives).
- ✓ Undertook priority planning activities identified in the state plan, including development of historic context (National Register Multiple Property Document) for under-represented Montana African American properties. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives III.1, IV.1}
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on federal, state, and local agency and organization preservation planning and policy documents, as requested, with respect to goals and objectives in the preservation of Montana heritage properties, including:
  - A plan to create a Upper Missouri River National Heritage Area centered on Choteau, Cascade, and L&C counties;
  - Local planning efforts for revitalization of the Helena RR Historic District (6<sup>th</sup> Ward); and
  - A 2016 Montana State Parks heritage resource plan development stakeholder workshop. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}
- ✓ In cooperation with State Preservation Review Board, prepared *Montana's Shared Heritage: Third Biennial Report on the Status, Condition, and Stewardship of Montana's State-Owned Heritage Properties* (2016) with recommendations for improving state agency planning, policy and procedures for the preservation of Montana's significant public heritage resources on state lands:  
(<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties>). Presented the 18-page report to the Governor's Office and in testimony before the Montana Legislative Interim Education and Local Government Committee in September 2016.



- ✓ Participated in 2016 strategic planning and assessment for the Montana Historical Society, of which SHPO is one of six programs.
- ✓ Began internal discussion and planning for production of a new or revised state preservation plan for 2018 – 2022.



*Missouri River, photo by Jessica Bush, SHPO*



## SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM FY2016

*. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.4, III.1-3)*

- ✓ Completed the contracted services for the two-year (FY2015-2016) **Identifying Montana's African American Heritage Places** project encompassing new fieldwork, oral history, research, and writing about the historical African American experience in Montana. This effort, supported by approximately \$43,000 in combined grant funds from the National Park Service Underrepresented Community Grants program, the Montana History Foundation, and the Montana Historical Society Sobotka Education Trust Fund (internship), yielded 50 new historic property forms of African American historical places in Helena and six other communities



statewide that are currently accessible online through the Montana Memory Project: <http://mtmemory.org/cdm/search/collection/p16013coll39>. National Register nominations of two of the Helena properties under a Multiple Property Document contextual overview is forthcoming, as is an update to the Montana Historical Society web page *African Americans in Montana Heritage Resources*: <http://svcult.mt.gov/research/AfricanAmerican/AfricanAmericanInMT.asp> {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective III.1 }

- ✓ Accomplished the recording of the Great Northern railroad system statewide as a long linear historic property in Montana county-by-county within the Cultural Resource Information System, to include site forms, legal locations, quad maps, and GIS spatial locations (shape files). Additional information was also gathered for the Northern Pacific and Milwaukee railroad systems to be used in completing similar sets of records in FY2017. This valuable effort, undertaken under contract with Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, was made possible by a MICA/Cultural Resource Fund Phase 1 grant for \$10,000.
- ✓ Made field visits to participate and assist in the identification and assessment of historic properties and archaeological sites. Included were sites on the Helena National Forest (Gypsy Dam Lake, Mann Gulch fire memorial and pictograph sites in the Gates of the Mountains, Mullan Pass), a human remains discovery site in Cascade County, 1846 Fort Connah in Lake County, a National Register



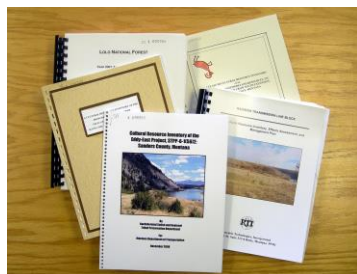
listed historic painted rock road sign (for McCormick Livery) in Broadwater County east of Townsend, ongoing survey for nomination of the North Elevation neighborhood in Billings, the Valley of the Shields rock art complex near Weatherman Draw in Carbon County, and a second year of scientific prescribed burning of the Henry Smith prehistoric rock feature site on the Milk River north of Malta (Bureau of Land Management).

- ✓ Initiated the upgrade of the Montana State Antiquities Database under agreement with the State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD) of the Montana Department of Administration. The upgrade restructures and transforms the existing 15-year old Oracle-based system to a Microsoft SQL database with ArcGIS web application intended to be more user-friendly, effective and ultimately accessible. Budgeted at just over \$125,000, the programming upgrade project is funded by a combination of SHPO federal funds (HPF), BLM cooperative agreement data-sharing funds, file-search revenue, and a grant received in FY2016 for \$40,000 from the MICA/Cultural Resource Fund Phase 2 grant fund. The upgrade is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016. {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.4; III.3}.

- ✓ Added 1099 newly recorded properties in FY2016 to the Montana *Cultural Resource Information System* (CRIS) database and statewide property inventory files maintained as the Site Records Office in SHPO [FY2015: 1071 new properties]. These comprise 610 new historic properties, 366 pre-contact sites, 48 combination historic/pre-contact sites, as well as 75 paleontological localities. Updated information was collected and registered for at least an additional 161 previously recorded properties. There are presently 58,696 total cultural resource properties (districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects) recorded with Smithsonian trinomial numbers in Montana as part of the State Antiquities Database inventory.



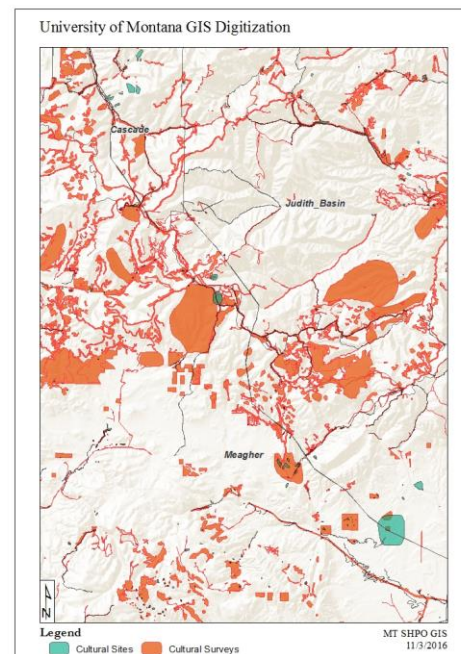
- ✓ Added 568 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2016, representing 105,739 acres of new survey [FY2015: 663 new reports/116,759 acres]. There are presently 36,074 individual report documents in



CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 5.56 million acres of historic and archaeological survey as well as other cultural resource studies, including overviews, syntheses, excavation, analyses and research studies. While the majority of documented survey in Montana has occurred on public lands, especially lands managed

by the USFS and BLM, significant survey has also taken place in and around many Montana communities and other private lands.

- ✓ Maintained the comprehensive digital text library of the 36,000-plus existing cultural resource survey reports and other documents in the Montana *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS), begun in FY2011. These digital documents are accessible, on a mediated basis, through SHPO as .pdf files, with optical character recognition (OCR) search capabilities. The original hard copies are held in the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) for permanent storage. To date, 31,210 of the 36,074 documents in CRABS (86.5%) have been scanned, with new reports being included on a go-forward basis and legacy reports added as requested and time allows.
- ✓ Also sustained the ongoing scanning or uploading of born-digital records of all newly submitted property records and updates (site forms receiving Smithsonian trinomials) and the re-scanning of older records to improve quality and convert to OCR .pdf format. There is at least one scanned form for each of the recorded 58,696 properties in CRIS, and several forms/updates for many of these sites for a total current scanned site form library of 77,935 records. The hard copies of the property records are housed at SHPO (Site Records Office).
- ✓ Continued the creation and/or import of new and backlog Geographic Information System (GIS) data (locational shape-files) for cultural resource site and survey records in the State Antiquities Database. With enhanced FY2016 funding through the Bureau of Land Management Cultural Resource Data-sharing Partnership (BLM CRDP), SHPO contracted with the University of Montana Department of Anthropology for advanced students under Dr. Doug MacDonald to create GIS site and survey data for counties encompassed by the Lewistown and Billings BLM Field Offices, adding over 7,800 backlog sites and 2,800 surveys to the developing statewide cultural resource GIS. As of the end of FY2016, 37,268 (63.5%) of all recorded properties and 15,883 (44.0%) of documented surveys in the state have been spatially digitized and registered at SHPO. All newly submitted site records and survey reports in FY2016 continue to be mapped in the state GIS on a go-forward basis {2013-2017 Goals/Objectives I.3, III.3}.
- ✓ Provided digital and hard copies of site records and reports, as well as GIS shape files, on request to agencies, consultants, and other researchers. Managed Digital Data and Information User Agreements for the use and protection of confidential shared cultural resource information.



## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM FY2016

*. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)*

- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FY2016 in Helena (January 22, 2016), Red Lodge (June 1, 2016); and Hamilton (September 21, 2016). Nine (9) draft National Register nominations were reviewed and approved by the Board at these meetings; no nominations were unapproved or tabled (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/RBagenda>).



- ✓ Interested public members Deb Hronek (Red Lodge) and Dr. Tim Urbaniak (Billings) were re-appointed to the Review Board by Governor Steve Bullock on Oct 1, 2015 for second 4-year terms. Patti Casne of Helena was newly appointed to the Board as an interested public member on February 12, 2016, replacing Miki Wilde, who served two terms (2008-2015). Review Board members Lesley Gilmore (Historic Architect) and Jon Axline (Architectural Historian) also shared their last meeting in September 2016, both serving 2009-2016.
- ✓ Seven (7) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places in FY2016 as follows (by date):
  - First National Bank of Ekalaka and Rickard Hardware Store, Ekalaka, Carter County 11/19/2015
  - University Area Historic District, Missoula, Addendum III (Patterson-Stella Blu building addition), Missoula County 12/08/2015
  - Montana State Capitol Campus HD, Helena, L&C County 02/23/2016
  - Stafford's Grocery, Winifred, Fergus County 04/05/2016
  - Elkhorn Ranch HD, Gallatin Gateway, Gallatin County 04/05/2016
  - East Side Neighborhood HD, Great Falls, Cascade County 04/19/2016
  - Ervin Homestead-Gist Bottom HD, Upper Missouri River Breaks, Blaine County (Bureau of Land Management) 06/23/2016





- ✓ The successful National Register nomination of the First National Bank of Ekalaka and Rickard Hardware Store, prepared by SHPO with research assistance from Ekalaka Town Clerk Lisa Jourdan, is the first listing for Carter County and establishes every one of Montana's 56 counties as represented in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ The listing of the Montana State Capitol Campus Historic District (1895 – 1982), comprised of 15 contributing buildings, 3 sites, and 9 objects, was made possible by funding from SHPO (HPF) and the Montana Department of Administration. While most state capitols in the nation are listed in the National Register of historic places, few states have listed their entire historic capitol campuses. [https://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/shpo/docs/MT\\_LewisAndClarkCounty\\_MTStateCapitolCampusHD.pdf](https://mhs.mt.gov/Portals/11/shpo/docs/MT_LewisAndClarkCounty_MTStateCapitolCampusHD.pdf) {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives III.1, IV.3}
- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing their properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks, guidance and technical assistance on request to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective IV.3}
- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maintained an updated Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/NRMap.aspx> {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.3}
- ✓ Documented and concurred in 136 evaluations of eligibility for listing in the National Register and 330 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties within the context of state and federal historic preservation legislation (aka: "consensus determinations" under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act).
- ✓ Maintained a public inventory list of *state-owned heritage properties* - that is, properties owned by the state of Montana that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined in consultation with SHPO to meet the criteria for eligibility. (<http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/ReviewComp/StateHeritageProperties>) This list is used by state agencies in biennial reporting on heritage stewardship efforts as required under the Montana State Antiquities Act (see above, Planning).
- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society's Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program for the production of 46 new heritage property interpretive plaques in FY2016. The one-of-a-kind state sign



program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations tax. Many of the state's 1,611 National Register sign texts can be found online on the Montana Historical Society supported [Montana History Wiki](http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts) : (<http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts>) and through the newly created [Explore Big](http://explorebig.org/) app (<http://explorebig.org/>) that uses sign texts as well as other content from SHPO's National Register files {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.4, II.3}

- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities and owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state. (e.g.: <http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/story/news/local/2016/01/20/preserving-historic-homes-heart-city/79094840/> {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.1})

- ✓ As part of the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, SHPO produced a special commemorative deck of *Montana in the National Register* playing cards. Each of the cards in the deck (52 numbered cards and 4 joker/wild cards) is represented with a photo and the name of a property in each of Montana's 56 counties that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. A companion 2016



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Montana Preservation Poster, *Playing for Keeps*, also features all of the cards, while a website (<https://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo/NationalReg/PlayingCards>) provides a story map as well as additional information about the National Register, the properties and the cards. Very popular and well received, nearly 2,000 decks of the cards and a similar number of posters were distributed free in FY2016 at historic preservation venues across the state and on request to the public.



*North Elevation historic district public meeting, Billings.  
Photo courtesy of Kevin Kooistra*

## DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM FY2016

*. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VII.3)*

- ✓ Routinely responded to owner inquiries regarding care of historic buildings and structures eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective I.1}
- ✓ Gave technical advice and/or made field visits to public and private historic building renovation projects (beyond federal compliance and tax credit projects reported elsewhere) that were active in planning or implementation in FY2016, including: the proposed stabilization and adaptive re-use of the moved historic East Helena depot (Lewis & Clark County Heritage Tourism Council/CLG), granite stair and landing stabilization at the Helena Archdiocese Offices in Helena, renovations to the Bluestone House (Montana Wilderness Association offices) and to the privately owned historic African American Crump House and the Studler House in Helena, the Placer one-room stone schoolhouse volunteer rehabilitation project in Broadwater County (Montana Preservation Alliance), and proposed ghost-sign repainting in downtown Helena.
- ✓ Consulted onsite on a variety of undertakings involving state-owned heritage properties, including the State Capitol, Reeder's Alley, Daly Mansion, Virginia City, Galen, Fort Missoula, the former Helena Armory and historic State Liquor Warehouse buildings, and the Original Governor's Mansion. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.1}



- ✓ Reviewed and commented on Historic Structures Reports (HSRs) for the Charlie Russell House and the Charlie Russell Studio in Great Falls (National Historic Landmarks).
- ✓ Participated in two meetings in Great Falls to discuss the disposition and adaptive re-use of the no longer functioning Rainbow Dam Powerhouse {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.3}
- ✓ Served on the 2016 grant application review committee for the Montana History Foundation for brick-and-mortar proposals.

- ✓ Conferred with preservation teams involved with Yellowstone National Park (Xanterra) and the Forest Service (USFS Region 1 Historic Preservation Team)
- ✓ Attended bi-monthly committee meetings to consider plans for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the National Register listed Helena/Lewis and Clark County city-county building, a former Federal Building protected under a deed covenant.
- ✓ Currently holding active term preservation covenants and/or easements for nine historic properties as a result of previous federal historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants), tax credit projects, and/or compliance mitigation agreements. Visited and advised on four of these properties in FY2016: Havre Post Office, Fort Missoula, Lewis & Clark City County Building, and Virginia City. All term preservation agreements resulting from prior SHPO sub-grants (HPF) have since expired.
- ✓ No new or pending state-owned heritage property acquisitions in FY2016.



*Havre Post Office, photo courtesy of owners Marc Whitacre and Erica Farmer*



## PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM FY2016

*. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2)*

- ✓ Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, attended biennial NPS State Tax Credit Reviewers training workshop in Washington, D.C., July 12-14, 2016.
- ✓ Regularly advised owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program. Made visits to Great Falls, Havre, Helena, Boulder, and Miles City to assess potentially eligible projects.
- ✓ Three completed federal rehab tax credit projects in FY2016 (Part 3 certified), totaling over \$9.5 million:

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| ○ Arvon Block, Great Falls | \$6,619,579 | \$1,323,915 (20% credit) |
| ○ Helena YWCA              | \$2,351,816 | \$470,363 (20% credit)   |
| ○ Price Motors, Billings   | \$566,000   | \$113,200 (20% credit)   |



- ✓ Other tax credit projects active in FY2016 (Part 1 and/or 2 approved) include 668 S. Montana Street in Butte and the Bissinger Co. Hides Building in Billings.
- ✓ Celebrated milestone of \$70 million private investment in federal tax credit projects in Montana since the first project completed in 1990.  
[http://helenair.com/business/tax-credit-program-incentivizes-m-in-historic-preservation-investments/article\\_ef1ca73a-d934-5864-aba8-82e25d861735.html](http://helenair.com/business/tax-credit-program-incentivizes-m-in-historic-preservation-investments/article_ef1ca73a-d934-5864-aba8-82e25d861735.html)
- ✓ Made presentations on the Tax Credit program and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards to the Great Falls Business Improvement District and to students in the University of Montana Historic Preservation Seminar, Missoula.

## REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FY2016

***. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.3; VI.4; VII.2)***

- ✓ In FY2016, the SHPO Review and Compliance team (Compliance Officer Jessica Bush, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown, and Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo) provided written responses to 1,470 project requests submitted for review in compliance with National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 5.9 written review and compliance consultations per *work day*, comparable to FY2015 (1,617 reviews; 6.2/work day). {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VII.2}
- ✓ Single compliance requests for SHPO comments may involve one or more individual projects and properties, i.e. ranging from the potential for effects of a single 1-acre gravel pit with no identified sites versus an entire 100-mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Certain compliance projects from some federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs/THPOs) are also sometimes programmatically received and processed, but do not require or generate written SHPO written responses. In FY2016, there were 224 project submittals or notifications which SHPO reviewed and processed for filing but did not provide written comment.
- ✓ Of the total 1,470 written review and compliance consultations in FY2016, 717 (or a little less than half) were initial “file search” requests for SHPO cultural resource information and survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of these file search requests (average response turn-around rate = 1.1 calendar days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*). The 717 FY2015 file searches involved cultural record searches and reviews of a total of 6,199 sections of land.



- ✓ For the 392 of these 717 initial project reviews (“file searches”) made in FY2016 in which SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or designated proponents, SHPO recommended that no further cultural resource work was warranted in 291 (74%) of the cases, based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the defined project scope or area of potential effect. These 291 reviewed projects were able to proceed with no further consultation with SHPO needed on cultural resource impacts.
- ✓ For the remaining 753 written review and compliance consultations for project undertakings (e.g., responses on cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the overall average response turn-around rate in FY2016 was only 5.7 calendar days per consultation. This average response rate, comparable to FY2015 (5.5 calendar days), is well below the 15 and 30-day response times generally provided to SHPO under preservation regulations.
- ✓ SHPO participated in the development and signed nineteen (19) new or amended Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and nine (9) new or amended Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2016 with lead federal agencies, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and other concurring parties, as appropriate. These agreements serve as legal documents for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potential adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.



The nine new FY2016 Programmatic Agreements involve agreements with nine different federal agencies, many of which address the manner in which the agency will consider the potential for impacts to cultural resources on all of their undertakings in Montana {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.3, VII.1}

The FY2016 PAs are:

- *Regarding the Two Chiefs Landscape Restoration Project in Lewis and Clark and Jefferson Counties, Montana* (USDA-Forest Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding the Prototype Programmatic Agreement* (Federal Emergency Management Agency/Montana SHPO/Montana Dept. of Emergency Services)
- *Regarding the Divide Restoration Project Helena Ranger District, Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest* (USDA-Forest Service/Montana SHPO)
- *Regarding CBP Undertakings in States Located Along the Northern Border of the United States* (U.S. Customs and Border Protection/ID SHPO/MI SHPO/MN SHPO/MT SHPO/NH SHPO/NY SHPO/ND SHPO/PA SHPO/WI SHPO/VT SHPO/WA SHPO/U.S. General Services Administration/U.S. Department of

- Agriculture/U.S. Department of the Interior/Blackfeet Nation/Cayuga Nation/Chehalis Tribe/Chippewa-Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation/Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation/Jamestown S'klallam Tribe/Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians/Muckleshoot Indian Tribe/Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe/Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe/Skokomish Indian Tribe/Spokane Tribe of Indians/Squaxin Island Tribe/Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians/Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa/Tuscarora Nation/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation)
- *Regarding Obligation of Loan MT 513-U to 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative for Construction of Telecommunications Infrastructure in Pondera, Glacier, Beaverhead, Teton and Madison Counties, Montana* (Rural Utilities Service/MT SHPO/Blackfeet Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer)
  - *Regarding Managing Historic Properties that may be Affected by Issuing a License to Clark Canyon Hydro, LLC for the Construction and Operation of the Clark Canyon Hydroelectric Project in Beaverhead County, Montana* (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission/Bureau of Reclamation/MT SHPO)
  - *Regarding Amendment to the Abandoned Historic Railroad Grades Affected by Montana Department of Transportation Undertakings in Montana* (Federal Highway Administration/Montana Department of Transportation/MT SHPO)
  - *Regarding Properties in Silver Bow County Affected by the Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program, and other U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds* (City-County of Butte Silver Bow, Montana/MT SHPO/National Park Service)
  - *Regarding Management of Historic Properties and Their Consideration in Planning Activities* (Rocky Mountain Region (Region 8) of the U.S. General Services Administration/CO SHPO/MT SHPO/ND SHPO/SD SHPO/UT SHPO/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation)
- ✓ Out of the total 1,470 written compliance consultations in FY2016, only eighteen (18) federal and two (2) state undertakings concluded in findings of *adverse effect* to National Register listed or eligible properties; the same number as FY2015. A total of twenty-four (24) individual properties were involved in these findings. The 20 undertakings, with associated properties and agencies involved in adverse effect findings in FY2016, were:
- Billings Airport improvements: Military Aviation Facilities/24YL2033 (Federal Aviation Administration) pending
  - Bannack flood detention pond construction: Bannack NHL/24BE0169 (Montana State Parks) \*Archaeological mitigation plan in place

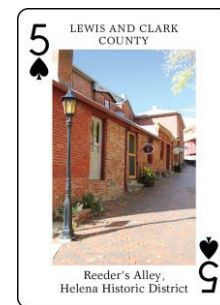
- State building demolition: Warm Springs Receiving Hospital/24DL0783 (Montana Dept. of Health & Human Services) pending
- Missile alert facilities housing renovations: Alpha-01 MAF/24CA0624 (DOD/Air Force) pending
- St. Mary kiosks replacement: St. Mary Visitor Center/24GL1152 (NPS Glacier National Park) \*MOA
- Red Lodge Ck bridge replacement: Red Lodge Creek Bridge/24CB1308 (US Corps of Engineers) pending
- Sheridan Work Center conveyance: Sheridan Work Center Office-Bunkhouse/24MA1202 (USFS Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF) \*MOA
- New Glacier NP housing: East Glacier & Swiftcurrent Ranger Stations/24GL0151 and 24GL0154 (NPS Glacier National Park) \*MOA
- Asbestos removal & demolition: Gordon Place, 503 E Front St., Missoula (Environmental Protection Agency) \*MOA
- Estler Lake dam reconstruction: Estler Lake complex/24BE1387 (USFS Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF) pending
- Lewistown-SE highway project: Cameron Place Cabin/24FR1059 (FHWA/Montana Department of Transportation) \*MOA
- City of Deer Lodge Wastewater Plant: Grant Kohrs Ranch NHL/24PW0118 (USDA Rural Utility Service) \*PA
- Owen's Recreation Residence removal: Owen's Rec Residence/24JF1918 (USFS Beaverhead-Deerlodge NF) pending
- Old Lincoln Cemetery conveyance: Lincoln Gulch Cemetery/24LC0467 (USFS Helena-Lewis & Clark NF) \*MOA
- Main Boulder River road improvements: Miller Creek Bridge/24SW0756 and Ten Mile Creek Bridge/24SW0757 (FHWA) \*MOA
- Building demolitions: H2O WPA Cabin & Pig Barn/24PW0837 (Fish Wildlife Service) \*MOA
- Armells Creek bridge replacement: Armells Creek Bridge (DOD/Air Force) \*MOA
- Lookout Pass Ski Area expansion: Mullen Road/24MN0133 (USFS Lolo NF) \*MOA
- North of Rocker Interchange-North highway project: Brown's Gulch School/24SB0970 and Galetti Dairy Farm/24SB0974 (FHWA/Montana Department of Highways) \*MOA
- S of Boulder-South highway project: Archaeological site/24JF0699 (FHWA/Montana Department of Highways) pending





Mitigation plans and/or Memoranda of Agreements (MOAs) in consultation with SHPO were developed where indicated in FY2016 (\*) or are pending by the federal agencies for mitigating these adverse effects.

- ✓ SHPO compliance reviewers hosted 15 meetings with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, tribes, applicants, organizations and/or other interested parties regarding general programs and specific state and federal project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties.
- ✓ Participated onsite in several state and federal project undertakings involving significant cultural resource properties, including a second year of an experimental controlled burn conducted by the Bureau of Land Management Havre Field Office at the Henry Smith archaeological site north of Malta to document stone features and to measure the effects of fire on artifacts (Jessica Bush, SHPO Compliance Officer, March 26-27, 2016)
- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (trust lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks (inc. Montana State Parks), the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the Montana University system.
- ✓ Provided support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, assisting in the notification, handling and documentation of new cases involving the discovery of human remains. Stan Wilmoth, SHPO State Archaeologist, attended two Burial Board meetings in FY2016. SHPO Compliance Officer Jessica Bush participated at the request of the Burial Board in a human remains site discovery case in Cascade County {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.4}



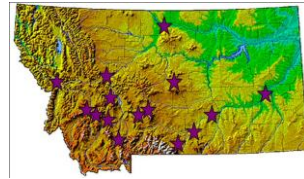
*"The Montana State Historic Preservation Office has been a key consulting partner in historic preservation on the Forest over the years. We appreciate their dedication and promptness as their consultation response times are consistently shorter than the timelines outlined in regulation. In addition to having a great working relationship with us, they have participated in numerous field trips and provided guidance on complex historic preservation issues. Some of their employees have even volunteered some of their own time to the Forest for the successful accomplishment of heritage projects. Their continued support and involvement is greatly appreciated and should be recognized."*

Award letter text for 2016 NHPA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award to Montana SHPO for significant contribution to historic preservation on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, August 2016.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FY2016

*. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, V.2, VI.1)*

- ✓ Awarded \$80,000 in support from the FY2016 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) as sub-grants to Montana's 16 communities and/or counties participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program, exceeding the minimum NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement (\$78,552).
- ✓ Assisted and communicated regularly via phone, email and social media with all Montana local preservation officers during the year.
- ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of four CLG programs: Great Falls-Cascade County, Livingston, Butte-Silver Bow County, and Hardin-Bighorn County. Each met or exceeded program performance standards, with some issues to address.
- ✓ Monitoring existing vacancies and interim replacements, with the retirements and departure of several community Historic Preservation Officers (HPO) in FY2016.



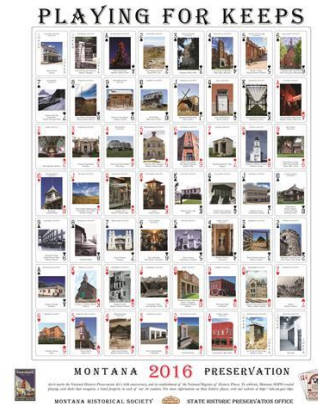
- ✓ Updated guidance on sources of grant funding for local governments, foundations, and non-profit organizations in Certified Local Government program. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective V.4}
- ✓ Hosted annual Certified Local Government participants meeting in Stevensville September 22, 2016, in conjunction with the Montana History Conference, including special discussion on local participation in Section 106 compliance.



**OTHER ACTIVITIES FY2016  
(OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)  
See also individual programs**

***. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1, VII.3; All)***

- ✓ FY2016 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and with it a variety of SHPO outreach, program and other efforts to both celebrate and also educate about the important role of historic preservation in Montana. These special efforts are described throughout this annual report, most notably in the Three FY2016 Montana State Historic Preservation Office Highlights at the beginning of the document.
- ✓ Responded to public and professional inquiries and provided technical assistance with 2,334 phone calls, 4,242 emails, and 204 meetings (with 859 people) during the course of FY2016. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives VI.1, VII.4}
- ✓ Networked online and on the phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).
- ✓ Collaborated with the non-profit Montana Archaeological Society (MAS) in celebrating Montana Archaeology Month (April 2016). Organized the bulk mailing of the poster *Legends of Montana Anthropology I* to 183 member addresses, arranged for additional distribution (free) at public venues, and sent to individuals on request. (<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html>). Served on Education and Conservation committees and participated in the annual Montana Archaeological Society conference in Great Falls, April 15-17, 2016. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.2, VI.2}
- ✓ Advised and participated in the first-ever organized Preserve America Youth Summit held in Deer Lodge, July 20-21 at the Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site and National Historic Landmark, a 50<sup>th</sup> NHPA anniversary event: <http://www.preservationyouthsummit.org/support/>.





- ✓ Planned and participated in the annual MHS *Archaeology Day!* in conjunction with the Montana Historical Society Education program giving day-long hands-on demonstrations of archaeology and prehistoric technology to 9 local elementary and middle schools/26 classes/575 students (October 1, 2015). {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective I.2}



- ✓ Co-sponsored and assisted in the planning and implementation of the third biennial *Montana Preservation Road Show* held in Red Lodge, June 2-4, 2016, in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> NHPA anniversary. This fieldtrip-oriented historic preservation workshop/conference, organized and

hosted by the statewide non-profit Montana Preservation Alliance, is supported by a broad coalition of state and federal agencies and organizations, including SHPO, and attracts over 100 attendees. The Montana Road Show concept will be featured in a session at the 2016 Federation of State Humanities Councils conference to be held in Salt Lake City, UT in November. {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective VI.2}

- ✓ Compiled and reported on SHPO cooperative agreements and activities involving Montana's seven Indian reservations for the Governor's Office 2016 State-Tribal Relations report (<http://tribalnations.mt.gov/>). Attended State-Tribal Relations Legislative Committee meeting, October 22, 2015.
- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, and archaeology to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS), including assistance in the FY2016 new museum exhibit: *Big Game, Big Stories: Montana's Hunting Heritage*.
- ✓ Assisted in the processing and approval of applications to the Montana Centennial Farm & Ranch Program, administered through the Montana Historical Society. Thirty-one (31) properties have been certified by the Montana Historical Society since the creation of this program by the 2009 Montana Legislature.
- ✓ Worked with volunteer professional photographer Terry Green and UM Professor of Art Rafael Chacon in HABS-level photo-documentation of modernist homes designed by Missoula architect Dafney Bugbee Jones, in preparation for an online SHPO exhibit-display and narrative.
- ✓ Provided input and service to boards and special committees or programs of the state and other statewide organizations, including: the Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees, the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana History Foundation, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Archaeological

Society, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and the Montana Preservation Alliance. {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives V.2, VI.3}

- ✓ Regularly prepared and/or assisted in the preparation of press releases for state preservation properties and activities, including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public forums and workshops, special events, and grant awards. Regularly provided content to the Montana Historical Society newsletter (*Society Star*) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.com/MontanaHistoricalSociety> {2013-2017 Plan Goal/Objective II.1}

- ✓ Received a USDA Forest Service 2016-NHPA 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historic Preservation Award from the Helena-Lewis & Clark National Forest for *significant contribution to historic preservation on the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest*.



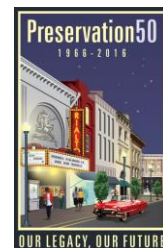
- ✓ FY2016 SHPO staff presentations, educational programs and outreach {2013-2017 Plan Goals/Objectives I.1 & 2; II.1 & 3; VI.2}:
  - Education: *MHS Archaeology Day!*: 9 schools, 26 classes, 575 students participating in events on the lawn in front of the State Capitol building, October 1, 2015 (SHPO and O&I staff)
  - Outreach: host Xanterra Yellowstone National Park preservation team visit to SHPO, October 20, 2015 (Pete Brown)
  - Presentation: *What I Do at SHPO*, Helena Soroptomists lunch, Helena, October 22, 2015 (Damon Murdo)
  - Outreach: Montana Site Stewardship organizational meeting, MSU-Bozeman, November 6, 2015 (Damon Murdo)
  - Outreach: SHPO New Location Open House, Old Board of Health building, 1301 E. Lockey, November 19, 2015.
  - Presentation: *Intro to the MHS Museum Anzick collection*, Montana DOA administrative staff, December 4, 2015 (Stan Wilmoth and Amanda Strum-Treter).
  - Outreach: *The Montana Club – an Architectural Gem*, MHS Montana History Revealed Blog, January 14, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
  - Presentation: *Montana's African American Places*, MHS Friends lecture, January 20, 2016 (Kate Hampton and Anthony Wood)
  - Presentation: *Helena's 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Architectural Places*, Helena Retired Teachers Association, Helena, January 26, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
  - Education: Historic Preservation, National Register Significance, and the Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties, University of Montana Historic Preservation seminar class, Missoula, February 18, 2016 (Pete Brown and Kate Hampton)



- Outreach/Presentation: SHPO partnership report, Montana Preservation Alliance Board meeting, Helena, February 19, 2016 (Mark Baumler)
- Presentation/Panelist Discussion: *Brownfields and Historic Preservation*, Park County/EPA/MSU Extension Redevelopment Symposium, Livingston, March 2, 2016 (Pete Brown)
- Outreach: *Montana in the National Register: 56 of 56*, SHPO Spotlight, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers list-serve, March 4, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach/Presentation: Billings Annual Historic Preservation Roundtable meeting, Billings, March 15, 2016 (Kate Hampton and Brad Hansen)



- Education: State Capitol Campus scavenger hunt, MHS History Day for CR Anderson Middle School students, March 19, 2016 (Kate Hampton, w other SHPO staff assistance)
  - Education: Montana National History Day State Competition, Bozeman, April 2, 2016 (Jessica Bush and Brad Hansen, MHS judges)
- Education: MSU Architecture School Service Learning Project historic district field survey, Bozeman, April 4, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: CR Anderson Middle School History Research Day II: State Capitol campus historic architectural scavenger hunt, MHS, April 11, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *SHPO Preservation Services*, Cultivating Place in Montana Main Street Communities training workshop, Helena, May 2-3, 2016 (Kate Hampton and Brad Hansen)
- Presentation: *Our Restored Heritage in Downtown Missoula*, Montana Saves Luncheon, Missoula Elks Club, co-sponsored by MPA & NTHP, May 4, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: Vigilante Parade, Capitol and Helena high schools, May 6, 2016 (John Boughton and Kate Hampton, MHS judges)
- Presentation: *Montana Historical Society and the Montana Heritage Center*, Montana Democratic Party legislators local listening session, City-County Building, Helena, May 12, 2016 (Mark Baumler and Kirby Lambert)
- Presentation: *Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program*, Great Falls Business Improvement District (BID) meeting, Great Falls, May 13, 2016 (Pete Brown)
- Outreach: Montana Preservation 2016 poster *Playing for Keeps* mailing (Libraries, museums, agencies, organizations, individuals: N = 965)
- Presentation: *Fifty Years of the National Historic Preservation Act in Montana*, Lewiston Preservation Awards Ceremony, Lewistown, May 23, 2016 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: CR Anderson Middle School 7<sup>th</sup> grade Career Fair, Helena, May 25, 2016 (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *National Register Know-How* workshop, Montana Preservation Road Show, Red Lodge, June 3, 2016 (John Boughton and Kate Hampton)



- Presentation: *ABC's and 123's of Schoolhouse Preservation* traveling workshop, Montana Preservation Road Show, Red Lodge, June 4, 2016 (Pete Brown, with Kirby Matthew).
- Education: Archaeology Excavation Demonstration, Our Redeemers Lutheran Church summer camp, Helena, June 14 and 16, 2016 (Damon Murdo)
- Education: Helena 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gear Up Program, Carroll College, July 1, 2016 (Jessica Bush and Brad Hansen)
- Education: "Historic Preservation in Downtown Deer Lodge" student group activity, Preserve America Youth Summit, July 21, 2016 (Pete Brown, with Deer Lodge HPO Kirby Matthew)
- Education: "Historic Preservation for Dummies" workshop, Extreme History Project, Gallatin History Museum, Bozeman, September 17 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *A Summer Retreat for Noted Savants: Apples, Optimism and Frank Lloyd Wright in the Bitterroot*, Montana History Conference, September 23, 2016 (Kate Hampton)



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